

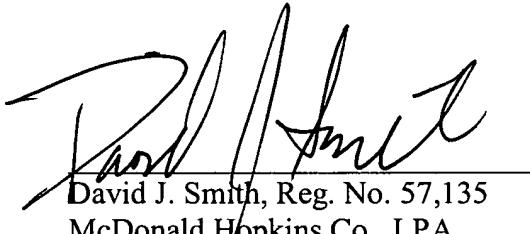
REMARKS

In the Office Action dated May 30, 2006, the Patent Office rejects claims 8 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,291,807 to Giordano et al. ("Girodano"). Further, pending claim 14 stands objected to as depending from a cancelled claim. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 1, 3, 5-7, 15 and 17-20 are allowable. Accordingly, Applicant cancels claims 8, 11 and 14.

In light of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner pass the application to issue. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this case, the Examiner is encouraged to call undersigned counsel at her convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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